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SUBJECT: CIVIL AVIATION - EXTENSION OF GOVERNMENT  
CHARTER FOR SAS

1. ON JUNE 13, THE DANISH PARLIAMENT APPROVED LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXTEND (A) THE SCANDINAVIAN AVIATION AGREEMENT (THE SAS CHARTER) FROM 1985 TO 1995, AND (B) THE DANISH PORTION OF THE GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE AGAINST ANY SAS OPERATIONAL LOSSES TO 1980. REPORTEDLY, THE NORWEGIAN AND SWEDISH PARLIAMENTS HAVE ALREADY PASSED SIMILAR LEGISLATION.

2. THE EXTENSION WAS REQUESTED BY SAS AT THIS TIME ON GROUNDS IT NEEDED A LONGER SECURE TIME FRAME FOR FUTURE PLANNING. THIS LEGISLATION, THEREFORE, SECURES THE LIFE OF SAS TO 1995.

3. PASSAGE OF THE LEGISLATION HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO PROCEED SMOOTHLY; HOWEVER, DENMARK'S THREE INDEPENDENT CHARTER AIRLINES--MAERSK AIR, CONAIR, AND STERLING AIRWAYS--USED THE OCCASION TO PRESS FOR MORE LIBERAL CHARTER RULES AND SUCCEEDED IN GETTING PARLIAMENT TO REQUEST THE TRANSPORTATION MINISTER TO INITIATE  
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DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS NORDIC COLLEAGUES ON REVISIONS IN CHARTER

REGULATIONS. THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SUMMER OF 1976. THE DANISH CHARTER AIRLINES HOPE THE TALKS WILL PRODUCE AN OPENING FOR SPLIT-FREIGHT CHARTERS OUT OF DENMARK. SUCH RULE CHANGE COULD ALSO BENEFIT US AIRLINES OPERATING IN THE DANISH FREIGH MARKET.

4. THE PRESS, IN LARGE PART, SUPPORTED THE INDEPENDENT AIRLINES IN THEIR CAMPAIGN BY PUBLICIZING ALLEGED QUESTIONABLE SAS ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE PURCHASE OF A FINANCIALLY DISTRESSED SWEDISH CHARTER AIRLINE, TRANSAIR.  
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